# Gay Republican ads oppose same-sex marriage ban

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DENVER • A group of gay Republicans is taking its crusade against a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages to Colorado's airwaves.

The Log Cabin Republicans, a national group representing gay and lesbian Republicans, will begin airing television commercials today in Colorado urging party faithful not to support a proposed Federal Marriage Amendment.

The proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution, often called the FMA, is championed by Sen. Wayne Allard and Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave, Colorado Republicans.

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The ad, part of a $1 million nationwide campaign, shows a clip of Vice President Dick Cheney speaking about gay marriage at a debate during the 2000 election. Cheney's daughter, Mary, is a lesbian.

After a Massachusetts court ruling legalizing same-sex marriages, President Bush has said the FMA might be needed.

Cheney has not changed his stance on the issue but now says he will support the president.

Guy Short, Musgrave's chief of staff, said the FMA is not aimed at alienating gay and lesbians and simply is a response to the recent decision by the Massachusetts court.

Guerriero accused religious conservatives, such as Focus on the Family Founder James Dobson, of steering the party away from issues such as lower taxes, a strong national defense and smaller government.

"We want Republicans in Colorado to know that the Republican Party has a choice," he said. "Be the party of Lincoln, Reagan, Schwarzenegger and Giuliani, or be the party of Dobson, Falwell, Robertson and Buchanan."

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# Other voices

## Coloradans support fixing TABOR's flaws

By ROCKY SCOTT

I'm pleased with Gov. Bill Owens' expression of interest in my position on TABOR reform. It is a critical issue for the people of

all three must be changed to protect Colorado's future. The resulting proposed ballot language is one reasonable long-term solution. It is the opposite of the short-term poisoned apple that some now propose, choos-

# Letters

**SOVEREIGNTY AT STAKE?**

## Supposed free trade treaty would destroy our nation

I would like to know why The Gazette has not covered the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), which would erase our borders and lead to the end of our national sovereignty. As unemployment becomes more critical in the United States, the passage of the FTAA would give illegal immigrants a free ticket into this country with access to our jobs, benefits and the rights we enjoy as legal citizens guaranteed by our Constitution.

"will call" window the day of the performance and were told that our reservations were booked for a different date.

We contacted the service numerous times to ask for new tickets or a credit on our charges. We got responses which said the service was looking into it.

Finally, we called Carol Odell at our local Better Business Bureau. She directed us to the Better Business Bureau in Los Angeles.

After only one week, we received a phone call from the BBB in Los Angeles saying we would receive a credit. Today, we received our credit card statement saying that our charges were credited for the